

To: The Catholic Herald Magazine  
From: Office of the Bishop  
Re: **Official Column** for Catholic Herald (March/April Issue)  
Date: January 16, 2025

**“Official”**

**Bishop Jaime Soto has made the following canonical appointments:**

**PRIESTS**

**Effective November 18, 2024**

Rev. Msgr. Carlos Jose Aviles **Canton**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Managua, Nicaragua, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Vacaville.

**Effective December 1, 2024**

Rev. Amer **Awad**, previously Parochial Vicar at St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento.

**Effective December 1, 2024**

Rev. Michael J. **Estaris**, previously half-time parochial vicar at St. Francis Parish in Sacramento, has been appointed as half-time Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento and will continue to assist at Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center, Citrus Heights, and the Tribunal Department at the Diocese of Sacramento.

**Effective December 2, 2024**

Rev. Jibin **Jose, C.M.I.**, a priest of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, St. Joseph Province, Thiruvananthapuram, India, has been appointed Parochial Vicar at St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom.

Rev. Bibin **Zacharia, C.M.I.**, a priest of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, St. Joseph Province, Thiruvananthapuram, India, has been appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove.

**Effective December 6, 2024**

Rev. Guillermo **Hernandez**, has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge *pro tem* of Sacred Heart Parish, Anderson.

Rev. Phillip J. **Wells**, retired priest of the Diocese of Sacramento has ended his term as Priest-in-Charge *pro tem* of Sacred Heart Parish, Anderson.

**Effective January 1, 2025**

Rev. John E. **Boll**, retired priest of the Diocese of Sacramento, has been elected to the Priest Personnel Board, representing the Senior Age Group.

Rev. Jacobo **Caceres**, while remaining Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Colusa, has been elected to the Priest Personnel Board, representing the Northern Region Constituency.

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Rev. Eric **Flores**, while remaining Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish, Sacramento, has been appointed Chair of the Priest Personnel Board.

Rev. Arnold **Parungao**, while remaining Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, West Sacramento, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council as a representative of the Yolo Deanery constituency.

Rev. Manuel A. **Rodriguez**, while remaining Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council as representative of the Ridge Deanery constituency.

#### **Effective January 6, 2025**

Rev. Brian Joseph C. **Atienza**, while remaining Judge at the Diocese of Sacramento, has been appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Sacramento.

Rev. Luis **Urrego**, previously Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Sacramento, has been assigned to provide Pastoral care at UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento.

**Bishop Jaime Soto, in consultation with the Priests' Personnel Board has made the following canonical appointments:**

#### **Effective December 23, 2024**

Rev. Apolonio **Catada**, Parochial Vicar of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo, formerly a priest of Military Ordinariate of the Philippines, has been incardinated into the Diocese of Sacramento.

**The following notice is also given:**

#### **Effective October 18, 2024**

Rev. Gregory **Finn, O.S.J.**, previously director at Marelo Youth Retreat Center in Loomis, has left the diocese.

#### **Effective December 3, 2024**

Rev. Edwin **Harris, S.J.**, previously Chaplain at Jesuit High School, Sacramento, has left the diocese.

#### **Effective December 31, 2024**

Rev. Amar **Nagothu, C.M.I.**, previously Parochial Vicar of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael has left the diocese.

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### **In Memoriam**

Rev. Michael A. **Carroll**, entered eternal life on December 27, 2024, at the age of 77. Fr. Carroll was ordained in 1972, serving the Diocese of Sacramento for 52 years.

Dcn. Anthony **Pescetti**, entered eternal life on December 5, 2024, at the age of 73. Deacon Pescetti served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 16 years.

Dcn. Phil **Verba**, entered eternal life on December 25, 2024, at the age of 84. Deacon Phil served the Diocese of Sacramento for over 24 years.



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**Uli Schmitt**  
Chancellor

